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In re patent application of

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For: COLLECTOR TUBE FOR A HEAT TRANSFER UNIT AND METHOD FOR
 PRODUCING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully
 request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims [✓]3 and [✓]7 as submitted with the [✓]English [✓]translation of the annex
 of the International Preliminary Examination Report as follows:

^{a1} 3. (Amended) Header tube according to Claim 1, further characterized in
 that the ratio (D/D1) of the tube outside diameter (D) outside the slot regions to the tube
 transverse extent (D1) in the slot regions is between 1.02 and 1.5.

^{a2} 7. (Amended) Method according to Claim 4, further characterized in that
 punctiform heat treatment and/or mechanical weakening is provided at the points at which
 the slot or slats (3a) to (3d) are to be introduced.--

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